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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

There are only 2 ISPs in my area - AT&T and Comcast. Both offer decent prices for the first 3-6 months, but then increase the price exorbitantly thereafter. This cannot be allowed to continue. I know this is the case also in many other parts of the country where there is no real competition, and ISPs are essentially a monopoly. The two providers do not really compete with one another and do not work to provide better services or speeds. Broadband internet is no longer a luxury to our daily lives, but a necessity much like electricity, water and other utilities.

In our household, broadband allows us to work from home and avoid lengthy commutes a few days every week, apart from being used for school work and entertainment on a daily basis. Broadband is critical to our lives in the 21st century and healthy competition should be encouraged so as to allow more and more households to have affordable access to it. Having multiple providers and healthy competition would address many of the issues we face with broadband today.

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